



The Wasp

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
A: To reach the high notes

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Reception

It has been lovely to see our new Reception children in school this week. On Monday they will be in full-time. The Reception children and Parents will be using the track from 9.00am.

Drop off and pick up

1. In the mornings please can you ensure the Year 1 and Year 2 children don't use the track or ramp before 8.55am.
2. At the end of the day please give as much space as possible to the children leaving the school. If you can arrange a meeting place away from the school that would really help.

Birthday Books

We aren't allowing birthday sweets at the moment so it is the perfect time to encourage a birthday book instead. You talk to the Birthday Boy/Girl, find out what their favourite book is, buy it and send it to school on their birthday. We glue in a 'Happy Birthday' panel and put it in the reading area so the Birthday Boy/Girl can share it with the class.



St Denys' Colouring Competition

Over the next month or so, perhaps during a wet playtime, the children will be given a colouring sheet for Sleaford's biggest colouring competition. If you want to have a go at home then you can download the colouring sheets from our school website and Facebook page. All the original designs have been drawn by Alison Wickstead from St Denys' Church.

Diary Dates

Macmillan Virtual Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th September**. Send in a photo of you drinking coffee and/or eating cake and we'll put it on Facebook for a £1.00 donation. All proceeds to Macmillan.

Lincolnshire Day on **Thursday 1st October**. Celebrating everything Lincolnshire. Wear something yellow to school. No donation-just celebration.

School Values

Can you name our four main school values?



British Values



Owl Walk (Nottingham)

Have you taken part in the Owl Walk in Nottingham? The owls will be there until 16th November.

<https://www.itsinnottingham.com/ideas-inspiration/the-wise-owl-walk>

History

The Year 6 children have been handling stone and iron age artefacts.



Roof Update

Our reroofing is going well. You can see some of the best photos on our Facebook page. We think the work will be completed by the end of next week.

School COVID Precautions

Thank you for all your support with our school precautions. We are doing the best we possibly can to ensure the safety of the children whilst still functioning as a school. Rest assured should anyone, adult or child, ever test positive then we will notify all those concerned by telephone and text.

Using the Zebra Crossing

We are encouraging the older children to meet with parents away from the school entrance. If they are using the zebra crossing can you please make sure your child knows the crossing procedure and not just to walk onto the crossing without checking first.

Literacy Website

Mrs Irwin, our literacy co-ordinator, has had some super messages from several famous authors. You can find out more by visiting:

<https://twitter.com/WAlveyLiteracy>

Free School Meals (universal)

All the children in Year 1 and Year 2 (and the Reception children from 21.9.20) are entitled to a free hot lunch. You can see the menus on the Farm Kitchen website. If you don't want a hot lunch and have decided to provide your child with a packed lunch instead, please log on to the Farm Kitchen website and cancel their hot meal.

Free School Meals (KS2-income based)

If your child is in KS2 and they are entitled to Free School Meals (income based) but you have decided to provide your child with a pack up, please tell us or cancel your free pack up on the Farm Kitchen website. Thank you.

BOOK ONLINE AT
[CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/SLEAFORDTENNISCLUB](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/sleafordtennisclub)

SLEAFORD TENNIS CLUB

THURSDAY

4.30pm - 5.30pm - under 9s
5.30pm - 6.30pm - age 10+
7.00pm - 8.00pm - adults / teen

SATURDAY

10.00am - 11.00am - under 7s
11.00am - 12.00pm - ages 8-9
12.00pm - 1.00pm - age 10+



On-line Safety

At the start of term we often need to remind parents and children about on-line safety. The majority of social media platforms have an age limit of at least 13 or above and these limits are there for a reason so it shouldn't really be a problem at primary school. However, there is some particularly unpleasant material on certain platforms at the moment including Tik-Tok. The company are dealing with it but it is a good opportunity to talk to your children about their use of technology, age limits and what they should do if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable on-line. We will give them this message at school and it would really help if this message was reinforced at home.

Open Days (for Reception children in September 2021)

We won't be able to hold our usual open day sessions. Instead you are welcome to ring up and book an appointment individually. Appointments are available most days at 10.00am, 11.00am and 2.00pm.

Reading

There are lots of good ideas and resources on our reading website. Reading with your child is still the single best thing you can do at home to help your child in school.

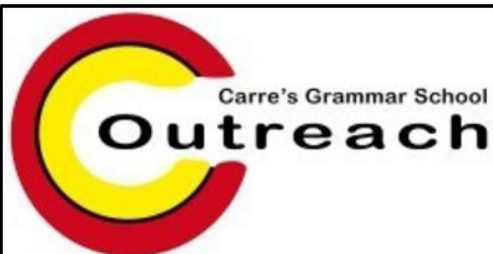
1. Talk about the pictures (it's not cheating or wrong to use them for clues).
2. Ask if they can guess what is going to happen next?
3. Can they tell you what has happened so far?
4. Can they describe some of the characters?
5. Ask them what they would have done in any particular situation.
6. Don't get cross when they seemingly get stuck on the same word every night!

Challenge

Can you make a list of three things you have enjoyed since returning to school? Write them down and give them to me on the gate and I will give you a special pencil.

Assembly

Every Friday we carry out a virtual whole school assembly (not for Reception children yet). When the children are at home, ask them what the assembly was about and see if they can remember.



GET ACTIVE CHALLENGE

**Scoot, cycle, walk, run
or skateboard as many
times as possible in
September!**

This could be...

**Travelling to and from
school**

**Going out with family
at a weekend**

**Walking your dog on
an evening**



NOW LIVE

All of your
efforts will add
to your school's
total at the end
of the challenge!

If you are not
allowed to leave
your bike/scooter
at school, ask for
someone to take
it home for you!



Scan/click here
to enter for
your school

Watch the CGS
Outreach team
having a go!



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This is a 5 week online course –
using an online platform such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Wednesday 16th September to Wednesday 14th October 2020

Virtual classroom sessions will start at 10am and finish at 11.30am.

You will need to be available at this time each week.

We have 12 spaces for this course – so register your interest now!

**Please contact Chloe Harley
to register your interest or to find out more information:
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